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SHAILER MATHEWS, 1863–1941

DEAN EMERITUS SHAILER MATHEWS died in Chicago, Thursday, October 23, following a stroke suffered a few days earlier. A memorial service was held in Joseph Bond Chapel on Sunday afternoon, October 26. Rev. Rolland W. Schloerb, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, of which Dean Mathews had been a member for more than forty years, offered prayer. Professor Edwin E. Aubrey spoke of Dr. Mathews' contributions to theology. Dean Charles W. Gilkey, of the University of Chicago Chapel, spoke of Dr. Mathews' service as educational administrator, religious leader, neighbor, and friend. Dean Mathews is survived by his widow and three children: Professor Robert E. Mathews, of the law school of Ohio State University, Mrs. Lewis Miller, of Chicago, and Mrs. Jesse Thomas, of Westhampton Beach, New York.

All of us who knew Shailer Mathews as Dean of the Divinity School need no reminder of his great gifts in educational leadership and friendship to students and to colleagues. But Professor Aubrey's paper presents what may be to some of the alumni a new insight into the enduring value of Dean Mathews' work as theologian.

DEAN MATHEWS' CONTRIBUTION TO THEOLOGY

An address by Professor Edwin Ewart Aubrey given at the Memorial Service for Dean Emeritus Shailer Mathews in Joseph Bond Chapel, October 26, 1941.

Men are asking today, perhaps more insistently than ever before, whether Christianity is relevant to the social scene. To this question Dean Mathews gave an unequivocal affirmative answer. As one of the earliest leaders in the social gospel movement in America, he gave direction to the serious study of the social implications of Christian ethics. As a historian of theology, he applied the methods of social history to the study of the

history of doctrine. As a distinguished modernist, he sought to implement Christian faith by the findings and the methods of modern science.

Shortly after he came to the University in 1894, Mr. Mathews began contributing a series of articles to the *American Journal of Sociology* on social aspects of Jesus' teaching, which were later gathered into an epoch-making book on *The Social Teaching of Jesus.* The influence of this volume upon theological thinking in America and upon the redefinition of the scope and function of Christian ethics would be hard to overestimate. He it was, too, who encouraged Francis Peabody to publish his volume along the same lines; and these men may be regarded as the pioneers of Christian sociology in the United States.

It is said of the late President Judson of this University that as a ministerial student he read Shedd's *Systematic Theology* and decided to change to the study of law. Shedd's was the most recent of the treatises in this field when Mr. Mathews entered upon his higher education, and it is hard for us now to imagine the mechanical and dreary character of this type of theological writing. With a background of training in social science at the University of Berlin, Mr. Mathews turned his attention to the study of the social genesis of Christian doctrine. Perhaps his New England background led him to seek the facts behind the verbiage; but at any rate he showed a growing concern with the way in which doctrines and creedal formulas arise in the history of the Christian group. The core of life in Christianity was to him the attitude of loyalty to Jesus and his ideals. Out of such loyalty earlier theologies had been born as men sought to make their faith intelligible in terms of the patterns of thought which characterized the social life of successive epochs in the history of Western culture. Dean Mathews showed in various historical writings how the characteristic analogies employed in Christian doctrine have been drawn from the social environment. He often referred to theology as "transcendentalized politics." I recall his recommendation to our class in theology that we should go to the Loop to see Karel Capek's *Liliom* in order the better to understand the conception of God as judge. Since theology was a part of the fabric of social life, it was subject to the laws of change which characterized all social development, and consequently the formulas of theology were to be regarded as themselves relative and not absolute truths. This did not deprive the ancient creeds of their inspiration, for

they were examples of men seeking to state in the language of their day a great common faith which we in turn must re-express in words closer to the experience of our own generation. He used to say at the opening of the year, when he welcomed new students, that the Divinity School is not a theological beauty parlor which will guarantee to put a permanent wave in anyone's theology.

With this approach to the study of theology, it is not surprising that he lent to it the vital and vivacious quality and the moral vigor of his own life. He was not in general favorable to mysticism, because he felt the center of Christianity to be a moral insight grounded in a faith in God. God he thought of as the energy at work in the world making for the enrichment of human personality and of personal relations among men.

His attitude toward science was never apologetic, but appropriative. The very title of his book on the relations of religion and science is significant: *Contributions of Science to Religion.* In editing this book with a group of Chicago scientists, he left each scientist perfectly free to expound his scientific conclusions in his own way, and then used his own section of the volume to indicate how Christian thinking might be enriched by the absorption of these established findings. He did not believe that science could be any more identified with a particular stage of its speculative conclusions than could theology, and consequently he was never willing to identify natural science with a mechanistic materialism which, in his own words, thought of man as "a peripatetic chemical laboratory driven around by the sex instinct." He shared with the scientists, however, the same openness to the future and believed that theology would find its best contemporary patterns in the field of scientific concepts. His view of God was thus expressed in terms of what he called "the personality producing activities of the cosmos," the combination of forces working toward the production and enrichment of human life. It was characteristic of his openness to growth that in his last book, *Is God Emeritus?* he even developed this theme with bold innovations in his own thinking.

Shailer Mathews was not a systematic theologian. He was suspicious of systems because they tended to fixate theology in static formulas. He frequently insisted that he was trying to give his students a method of working out theology and was not attempting to establish a new orthodoxy. This distrust of systems led him to eschew metaphysical speculation

and often to underestimate its importance in theological thought. In this he was undoubtedly influenced by the reaction against Hegelian metaphysics, which characterized the German historians of the late nineteenth century, and he also shared the feeling of the German theologian Ritschl that metaphysical speculation could not furnish a grasp of the moral task confronting the church.

For this reason Dean Mathews was not the founder of a school of theology, except in the sense that he trained his students in a method of theological reconstruction. The basis of such reconstruction was to be the history of Christian doctrine which had achieved influence by integrating itself in the thought of successive stages of European civilization. Its roots were in the religious life of the Christian group. Accordingly, when great changes took place in the intellectual climate of the group, the established thought patterns of theology were subject to dissolution. Outmoded doctrines were, therefore, to be understood in terms of their functional significance in their own day and thus appreciated; but they were not to be allowed to shackle the Christian in an age confronted with new problems and new social patterns. This explained his attitude toward those who attacked him so bitterly in the modernist-fundamentalist controversy. He appreciated the background from which they spoke and was therefore indisposed to use invective. He once told me that in all controversial debates he had gone on the principle that he would try not to say anything for which he would need later to apologize. At the same time, his remarkable gift of epigram served as a powerful weapon in detaching men's emotions from a mawkish sentimentalism for the old doctrines. He himself once defined an epigram as "a half-truth so stated as to annoy the man who believes the other half," and in this sense he was doubtless, as a master of epigram, a source of disturbance to many conservatives. But his steady search for values in the old always protected him from superciliousness, and people who studied his restatements of doctrine saw in them the same faith as that which had motivated Christians down through the centuries. He felt this to be a perennial process and was not in the least disturbed if students found different ways from his of stating what they regarded as the fundamental insights of Christianity. He was therefore able to face the future fearlessly and was al-

ways ready to bid Godspeed to any who would take his method and push it farther than he himself might do.

For this reason he will live on in the work of his students and readers, and of those whom they teach, because he imparted a fundamental method rather than a final formulation. For the explication of that method American theology will always owe him a profound debt of gratitude.

THE FACULTY

In Memorium

Dean Emeritus Carl G. Lagergren, of Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and formerly Dean of the Swedish Baptist Theological Seminary in Morgan Park, Illinois, which became a part of the Divinity School at the founding of the University of Chicago, died Monday, October 27, in St. Paul, at the advanced age of ninety-five years. Dr. Lagergren was thus one of the original members of the Divinity School faculty, and remained until the Swedish, Seminary removed to St. Paul in 1914. Dr. Allen P. Wikgren represented the Divinity School at the memorial service held in Emerald Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, on Saturday, November 1. A native of Sweden, Dr. Lagergren came to America at an early age and settled in Chicago. He is survived by four children.

BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL UNION TRUSTEES DINNER FOR THE DIVINITY SCHOOL FACULTY

The trustees of the Baptist Theological Union gave their third annual dinner to the members of the faculty of the Divinity School on Thursday night of the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Week.

This event continues to be a valuable instrument in increasing mutual understanding of trustees and faculty. This year the speakers were: for the trustees, Robert L. Scott; for the faculty, Robert Lowry Calhoun of Yale University, who received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University during the celebration, and Dean Colwell.

PERSONALS

Dean Ernest C. Colwell led the discussions at the Gerald Birney Smith Conference at Fort Niagara, New York, this September. On October 4 he spoke to the Young People's Society at the Hyde Park Baptist Church. He delivered six lectures on the Bible before the Oak Park Council on Religious Education in October and initiated the Walgreen Lecture Series with an address on "Rethinking the Function of Religion," on October 14.

Dean Charles W. Gilkey was on duty at the University Chapel through the first half of the Summer Quarter and then spent his vacation at his cottage at West Boothbay Harbor, Maine, with the best weather for sailing in recent summers. He preached at the Boothbay Harbor Methodist Church on August 17 and at the Skowhegan Federated Church (of which our former student, Rev. C. S. Cleaver, is pastor) on September 14.

He preached the sermon at the opening service of the year in Rollins Chapel at Dartmouth on September 21. He also gave the address at the Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration in connection with the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the University of Chicago on September 28. Dr. Theodore G. Soares (formerly of our own faculty) and Dean Colwell shared in the conduct of this service. Dean Gilkey gave the address at the memorial service for Mrs. Mabel Simpson Lapp, executive secretary of the Citizens' Schools Committee, under the auspices of that Committee at the Chicago Women's Club on October 5.

Professor Edwin E. Aubrey attended the student conference of the southwest area in Hollister, Missouri, in June. In July he preached at the University of Chicago Chapel. The month of August was spent on Lake Champlain, New York. On September 14 he addressed the Disciples Laymen's Retreat at Desplaines, Illinois. He attended the Milwaukee Baptist Association's annual banquet on September 20, and on October 3 attended the Indiana State Public Affairs Conference of the Y.W.C.A. Professor Aubrey published two articles: "Do or Die: The 'Christian' College," in *Religion in Life*, and "The Prospect of a Social Theology," in the October *Journal of Religion*.

Professor William C. Bower gave two series of lectures this summer, one at the Illinois Methodist Conference School of Religious Education at Lewiston, Illinois, August 4–9, and another at the United Christian Adult Conference, Dunkirk, New York, August 22–29. His vacation was spent at Devil's Lake, Michigan, in September. On October 3 he presided at the forty-seventh anniversary dinner of the University Church of Disciples. His articles include: "Bringing the Bible Back into Experience," *The Classmate*, July; "Religious Education Looks to the Future," *Journal of Religion*, October; "Church and School Cooperate," *The Church Woman*, September; "Religious Education on Released Time," *The Christian Century*, August; and a contribution to Reinhold Niebuhr's symposium, "Nature and Destiny of Man," *Christendom*, Autumn.

Professor Ernest J. Chave spent his vacation at Birchwood Beach, Harbert, Michigan. For the Pastors' Institute he gave lectures on "Religion and Public Education." "The Place of Religion in the Total Educational Experience of Children, Youth, and Adults" is the general theme of a series of conferences which Professor Chave will conduct in twenty-five different centers this fall for the Religious Education Association. He has been re-elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association for the seventh successive year.

Professor Davis Edwards devoted his whole summer to "theater." "Drama Points the Way" was the title of his lecture given at Chautauqua, New York, on July 7. At the Fourth Annual Conference on Reading he spoke on "Procedures in Interpretive and Choral Reading." At the University of Chicago public-lecture series in Mandel Hall he gave two lectures, "Poetry and Desire" and "The Poet Remakes the World." "Poetry and Reality" was his subject at a meeting of the English Teachers Club of Greater Chicago at the Palmer House on Septem-

ber 20. In August Professor Edwards gave a lecture, "The Voice in Action," to Fort Sheridan's Special Battalion C.M.T.C. Association, and in October a lecture to the top ranking officers at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Recently in St. Louis he has given lectures on "The Best Dramas of the Year" and the "Best Comedies of the Year." During his vacation he had the pleasure of seeing his daughter, Lyn Edwards, play with C. Aubrey Smith in John Galsworthy's *Old English* at the Berkshire Playhouse in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, after which he went to New York for a week of "theater."

Professor W. E. Garrison taught the first half of the summer and then stayed in town for the first week of the Pastors' Institute. He had three weeks of vacation in Minnesota, one week of which was devoted to an adult conference at Frontenac, Minnesota, giving five lectures and one vespers talk. His "real" vacation was spent at a camp on Leech Lake and circling around through northern Minnesota and Michigan. He preached one Sunday at the Community Church, Walker, Minnesota. Professor Garrison spent four days during the first week of September lecturing before a woman's club in Des Moines and giving three addresses to a youth conference at the "Y" camp near Boone, Iowa.

Professor Charles T. Holman preached during the Summer Quarter at the Berwyn and Austin Baptist churches, the Woodlawn Methodist Church, and the University religious service in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel. On August 17 he spoke at the ground-breaking ceremonies of Parkwood Chapel in Mount Greenwood, a Chicago suburb. He gave the address at the summer convocation of the Divinity School, on the subject "Literacy Is Not Enough." Part of September was spent by Professor Holman vacationing with his family at Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, Ontario.

Professor William A. Irwin, according to his own account, had a delightful vacation "rusticating" in the pines of the ideal vacation country of Muskoka, Ontario. He cut wood, painted the boats, and whisked about the lake with an outboard motor. While there he wrote up the results of ten years' study of the problem of Ezekiel, which he is now putting in final shape for publication. He addressed the Rotary Club of Gravenhurst, Ontario. In addition Professor Irwin has written an article on the "Relations of the English-Speaking Democracies," to be published soon; carried on a lengthy correspondence about Old Testament criticism and Hebrew culture with an author well known in the Old Testament field, relevant to his new, and as yet unpublished, monograph; and completed one article on "The Psalm of Habakkuk" to be published in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*.

Dr. Sidney E. Mead is out of residence during the Autumn Quarter and at the time this note is written has found a remote and quiet spot in Maine, where he is re-writing his doctoral dissertation in book form to be published as *The Life of Nathaniel W. Taylor*. He spent part of the Summer Quarter working in the

libraries of Harvard and Yale universities.

Professor John T. McNeill attended meetings of the Federal Council of Churches' Commission to Study the Basis for a Just and Durable Peace in New York, September 18. His article, "Natural Law in the Thought of Luther," appeared in the September number of *Church History*. With the generous co-operation of colleagues, Professor McNeill was able to raise about $100 for lantern projectors for work under the direction of W. B. Djang in China. Four lanterns have been purchased, and the funds will be sufficient to secure one more when available and pay for transportation.

Professor Matthew Spinka spent his vacation at his summer home in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. During the summer the University of Chicago Press published his book, *John Hus and the Czech Reform*. His article, "Patriarch Nikon and the Subjection of the Russian Church to the State," will be published in the forthcoming issues of *Church History*.

Professor William W. Sweet lectured at Garrett Biblical Institute for five weeks during the summer session and gave a series of ten lectures in Bristol, Virginia, before the School of Ministerial Training of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Church. He spent part of the summer in New Hampshire, supplying the pulpit of the Suncook Methodist Church for six Sundays and the pulpit of the Sanborton Square Congregational Church for three Sundays. During his vacation he and his wife had a delightful visit of three days with Dean and Mrs. Shirley Jackson Case at their beautiful summer home on the banks of the St. John River, New Brunswick.

Professor Henry Nelson Wieman is not in residence this quarter. He plans to spend the month of December in Florida. Macmillan just published his book, *Now We Must Choose*, which seeks to formulate the faith that underlies democracy. Dr. Wieman's article, "The Responsibility of Philosophical Inquiry," appeared in the July 3 issue of the *Journal of Philosophy*.

Professor Harold R. Willoughby spent the summer on the campus of the University of Denver, making use of the combined library facilities of the University and of Iliff School of Theology. In mid-July he read a paper on the editing of the first authorized English Bible at an informal session of the summer faculty and student body of Iliff, which was held in the home of Professor and Mrs. Martin Rist (Ph.D. '34). While in Denver Dr. Willoughby visited the First Baptist Church, of which Clarence W. Kemper, D.B. '12, is pastor. Dr. Willoughby is enthusiastic about the work Dr. Kemper is doing in the church and community and remarks that the Divinity School has reason to be proud of such an alumnus. Professor Willoughby has just read proof on a piece of manuscript study scheduled to appear in Vol. I of the new American series of *Byzantion*. He feels that one of the very few good results of the war to date has been the bringing to America of *Byzantion*, the outstanding international journal of Byzantine studies.

STUDENT AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

THE PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The Pastors' Institute conducted durthe past summer was probably, on the whole, the most successful to date. There were 315 paid registrations; all of the major denominations and many of the smaller religious groups were represented; and those in attendance came from all parts of the United States and Canada. Bishop F. J. McConnell and Dr. E. McNeill Poteat made important contributions through their sermons and lectures; the Conference on Religion and Personality Integration, led by Dr. Smiley Blanton and Rev. Otis R. Rice, proved to be a notable feature; the seminar for religious workers in colleges and universities, conducted by Dr. E. W. Blakeman of the University of Michigan, was highly successful; the "refresher courses" by members of the faculties of the co-operating institutions were said by pastors in attendance to have been well adapted to the needs of working ministers; and the evening round tables proved exciting as well as instructive. The only serious criticism voiced was that of one pastor who said, "There are too many good things on the program; it is impossible to attend all!"

WALGREEN FOUNDATION LECTURES

"Religion and the Present Crisis" is the title of the autumn series of Walgreen Foundation Lectures, which will be given by members of the Divinity School faculty on Tuesday afternoons in the James Henry Breasted Hall of the Oriental Institute. The complete list of subjects and lecturers is as follows: October 14, "Rethinking the Function of Religion," Ernest C. Colwell; October 21, "Building a Better Democracy," Edwin E. Aubrey; October 28, "Achieving Personal Stability," Henry N. Wieman; November 4, "Re-examining Pacifism," John Knox; November 11, "Maintaining Fellowship across Lines of Conflict," Charles T. Holman; November 18, "Anticipating the Post-War Mind," Charles W. Gilkey; November 25, "Preparing for Durable Peace," John T. McNeill; December 2, "Educating for a New World-Order," William C. Bower; and December 9, "Redeeming Culture through Crisis," Wilhelm Pauck.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, under the leadership of its president, Dick Pope, has been very active this fall. All its activities have had as a goal an increase in fellowship between students and faculty. Other officers of the Council are: vice-president, Huston Smith; secretary, Grace Edwards; treasurer, Bryan Shelton; social chairman, Martha Quick; athletic chairman, Elbert Coe; and Jim Hornback.

One of the most successful projects of the Student Council is the weekly tea. Every Thursday afternoon, between four and five, tea is served in Swift Commons. One of the faculty wives is asked to pour. A committee of two girls, Helen Spaulding and Martha Quick, assisted by volunteers, are in charge of the teas. Occasionally there is an interesting speaker. The teas, however, are always kept strictly informal.

DIVINITY SCHOOL RECEPTION

The annual Divinity School reception was held on the evening of October 22 in the common room of Swift Hall. According to Dick Pope, president of the Student Council, the purpose of the function was to give an opportunity for the faculty and students to get acquainted, and to all purposes it served that function admirably, for there was an unusually large attendance. Dr. Colwell and his wife headed the receiving line, followed by Professor and Mrs. Bower. Other faculty members and wives in the receiving line were Mrs. Pauck, Professor and Mrs. Spinka, Professor and Mrs. Sweet, Professor and Mrs. McNeill, Professor and Mrs. Bowman, Professor and Mrs. Aubrey, Professor and Mrs. Irwin, and Dr. Blakemore.

Much credit for the success of the reception goes to Mrs. Cleveland Bradner, Martha Quick, Mrs. Elbert Cole, Jr., and Miss Helen Spaulding, who were in charge of arrangements and refreshments.

Dr. Bower, the speaker of the evening, gave reminiscences of the past fifteen years, many of them gay and humorous. He then named the characteristics of the Divinity School which he remembered with greatest satisfaction: As a place where men could safely speak and search for the truth without fear of interference; as a school which has always preserved a balance of emphasis; as a place where scholars are always on the frontiers of research. The movement of the Divinity School from more or less disparate and competing departments to an inclusive community of learning which sees the various fields of knowledge in their correct relationships is a change in organization which Dr. Bower regards with satisfaction.

In looking toward the future Professor Bower expressed the hope that all our research and teaching in the various fields of divinity education should continue to be brought into functional relation to Christianity as an ongoing, living movement in the contemporary world; that both students and faculty should not merely achieve intellectual competence but should, in their intellectual pursuits and as a community, achieve a genuinely religious life; and that Divinity School men should not be known as advocates of a certain school of thought but as men who are capable of facing reality freely and fearlessly, without the warping influence of prejudice.

ALUMNI NOTES

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE DIVINITY SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The annual luncheon meeting of the Alumni Association of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago was held on Wednesday, August 6, 1941, in the dining-hall of the University Church of Disciples of Christ of Chicago. Rev. W. C. Seitz, of Gambier, Ohio, President of the Association, was in the chair and served as toastmaster. Grace was said by the Rev. Irvin Lunger, pastor of the church in which the meeting was held. An excellent meal was served to ninety-seven guests.

The President appointed Rev. Roy H. Barrett, of Bozeman, Montana, Professor W. B. Minor, of Columbia, Missouri, and Professor Charles T. Holman, of the Divinity School, as a nominating committee.

An hour of good fellowship was spent about the tables. At the close of the luncheon President Seitz called on Mr. Charlton T. Beck, secretary of the Alumni Council of the University, to describe the plans for the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the University this fall. This he did in an entertaining as well as informing manner. Dean Colwell was then called upon to speak on the subject, "The More We Get Together." The Dean described the various ways in which the Divinity School seeks to be of continuing service to its alumni and indicated that the administration of the Divinity School would welcome suggestions and help which would aid the School in its work both with the present student body and with the graduates of the School. A great deal of interest was evidenced in the curricular changes described by the Dean. At the close of the Dean's address Bishop Francis J. McConnell was introduced to speak on the subject, "The Church in a World at War." The Bishop especially stressed the necessity of facing realistically the moral issues involved in the present world-situation and also the importance of maintaining fellowship in the Christian church, however great the strains may become.

The nominating committee reported the following slate of officers, who were unanimously elected. Honorary president, Rev. W. S. Abernathy, D.D., pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.; president, Rev. C. Seward Hiltner, secretary, Committee on Religion and Health, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City; vice-presidents: Rev. Harold A. Bosley (Methodist), Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland; Mr. Sylvester Jones (Friends), 111 W. Monroe Street, Chicago; Rev. Roy H. Burkhart (Congregational), First Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. E. K. Higdon (Disciples), United Christian Missionary Society, 41 Spencer Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana; Rev. W. S. Pond (Episcopal), rector, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 4245 Washington Boulevard, Chicago; Rev. D. R. Sharpe (Baptist), executive secretary, Cleveland Baptist Association, 1100 Schofield Building, Cleveland, Ohio; and Professor E. D. Riebel (Evangelical), 218 North Columbia Street, Naperville, Illinois; and secretary, Charles T. Holman, Divinity School, University of Chicago. Delegates to the Alumni Council were as follows: Rev. John L. Cheek, Ph.D., pastor, Chandler Methodist Church, Chicago; Rev. Duncan E. Littlefair, pastor, Kenilworth Union Church, Kenilworth, Illinois; and Dr. Laird T. Hites, Y.M.C.A. College, Chicago, Illinois.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ILLINOIS BAPTIST ALUMNI

The Associate Dean of the Divinity School, Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, was the chief speaker at the annual luncheon meeting of the Illinois Baptist Alumni Association of the Divinity School on Wednesday, October 22, at the Epworth

Methodist Church, Ottawa, Illinois. The occasion was the annual meeting of the Illinois Baptist State Convention, which always brings together a good group of the Divinity School's alumni, former students, and friends. President David Gustafson, pastor of the Marion Avenue Baptist Church, Aurora, was toastmaster. Preceding Dean Gilkey's address, Dr. D. R. Sharpe, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association and president of the Alumni Association of the Northern Baptist Convention, spoke briefly, expressing hope for a record attendance of Divinity School alumni at the Northern Baptist Convention, May 26 to June 1, 1942, at Cleveland and outlining his preliminary plans for the alumni meeting. He also expressed the conviction that the Divinity School must gear its work closely into that of the churches if it would achieve maximum effectiveness.

Dr. Gilkey spoke at some length concerning Dean Shailer Mathews, who at the time he was speaking lay near death at Billings Hospital, Chicago. It was an intimate and memorable family talk concerning the Dean and "his boys." Dr. Gilkey also spoke of many recent significant developments in the life in the Divinity School, among them the increased enrolment, the larger number of men preparing for the pastorate, and the doubled subscription to the *Journal of Religion*. Out of his experience as Dean of the Chapel, Dr. Gilkey also pointed out a few of the many signs of deepening interest in religion throughout the University, not the least of which was the invitation to the Divinity School faculty to give the Autumn Quarter lectures under the Charles R. Walgreen Foundation for the Study of American Institutions, on the general subject "Religion and the Present Crisis." He also referred to the emphasis laid by several speakers at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration upon the influence which the University had exerted through the Divinity School upon the religious life and thought of America.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, Rev. A. E. McKenny, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Quincy; vice-president, Rev. V. A. McNeill, First Baptist Church, Rock Island; secretary, Rev. Charles R. Drussell, Marengo, Illinois.

PERSONALS

Charles Francis Yoder, D.B. '02, superintendent of missions of the Brethren Church in Argentina, has published two books, *God's Means of Grace* and *The Argentine Mission Field*, and has other books in preparation. He was professor of natural science in National College, Rio Cuarto, Argentina, between 1912 and 1925. Dr. Yoder has twice been moderator of the General Conference of the Brethren Church.

Joseph Emerson Hicks, D.B., '03, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bristol, Virginia–Tennessee, is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Richmond. He reports that his church has just completed and dedicated the new $45,000 Bible School Building. Church membership has now passed the 1,000 mark.

Perry J. Stackhouse, D.B. '04, has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Chicago, and retired from

the active ministry after a notable twenty years' service to his church, to the Baptist denomination of Chicago, and to the Chicago Church Federation. His service in First Church occurred during a period of great change, the twenty years between the two world-wars. The social upheavals of the times had their repercussions in his immediate parish. As a result of the great population changes the economic problems faced by the church were serious. It was largely due to the wise and farseeing leadership of Dr. Stackhouse that First Church still stands in the position of influence and power in the community and city which it has so long occupied. First Church is a beautiful Gothic structure; and during Dr. Stackhouse's pastorate a commodious church house, in perfect harmony architecturally with the church, was erected. This made possible a needed expansion of the church's program of service. With all his other work, Dr. Stackhouse found time to write several books during his ministry in Chicago, the latest being *Chicago and the Baptists*, telling the story of a century of progress in Baptist and other Christian work in the city and published by the University of Chicago Press. Dr. and Mrs. Stackhouse have already bought a home and are getting settled at 2220 Third Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will be near neighbors of Professor Emeritus and Mrs. A. G. Baker. The First Baptist Church gave a farewell dinner to Dr. and Mrs. Stackhouse at the South Side Swedish Club on Thursday evening, September 25, at which Professor Holman spoke on behalf of the Divinity School.

William Jasper Howell, A.M. '06, of 2020 Glenwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, visited the School this September.

Niels John Peterson, D.B. '06, writes us after a silence of nine years. After he retired from the ministry in 1932 he accepted the position of assistant professor of New Testament Greek and director of correspondence courses at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. He has published one book, entitled *Seven Great Americans*. Of recent years he has been doing considerable writing for Baptist publications.

Harry Baxter Benninghoff, A.M. '07, founder and director of Waseda Christian Center and professor in the department of political science of Waseda University, Tokyo, for thirty years, has joined the faculty of Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois, as head of the department of philosophy and religion. An alumnus of Shurtleff College has presented the College with a large residence near the College campus which will be organized as a Christian center with Dr. Benninghoff as director. A program similar to that conducted at Waseda University but on a much smaller scale will be carried out at Shurtleff.

Frank Grant Lewis, Ph.D. '07, has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Cook Academy, from which he was graduated in 1889. He is still engaged in genealogical research, and has recently proved his ancestry from Thomas Mapes, who came to Suffolk, L.I., before 1640, and also from Isaac Lam Groton, a Baptist deacon in Connecticut before 1695.

Ivan Lee Holt, Ph.D. '09, has just returned from a three months' stay in Latin America. He has general oversight of all

Methodist work in Mexico, Central America, and South America as well as his work in Texas. Bishop Holt feels that, having made so many trips to the British Isles and the continent of Europe, having gone to China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands as president of the Federal Council of Churches, and now having relationship to Latin America, he has probably had more vital contacts with organized Protestant life around the world than any other American except John R. Mott.

John Wesley Stockwell, D.B. '11, was among those alumni who visited the Divinity School on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the University of Chicago.

Chu-seng Miao, Ph.D. '23, general secretary of the National Committee for Christian Religious Education in China, has an article in the August *Illinois Church Councilor* about the organization and work of the Committee. He writes that they need all the assistance their American friends can give them. Above all they need prayers and moral support.

Benjamin Harrison Smith, '24, is chairman of the Christian Social Relations Committee and a member of the Promotion Committee of the Board of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

Charles S. Braden, Ph.D. '26, professor of history and literature of religions at Northwestern University, has just published through Willett, Clark & Co. *Man's Quest for Salvation*, which is a historical and comparative study of the ideas of salvation in the world's religions. He spent a good part of the summer studying in the Harvard Library in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Vernon Franklin Schwalm, Ph.D. '26, is president of Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana.

Arthur C. Riley, '27, who for the past four or five years has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hull, Illinois, has accepted appointment to a three-point circuit in the Methodist church with headquarters in Colby, Wisconsin. He began his new work September 4.

Melvin Louis Welke, Ph.B. '27, is now minister of one of the two Unitarian churches in Cincinnati, Ohio. His address is 3674 Belle Crest Avenue, Cincinnati.

Florence Nightingale Hansen, A.M. '28, was in Chicago between October 23 and 25 attending the American Friends Service Committee Conference, which was held in Evanston.

Aaron Appadurai, A.M. '28, is warden of the Student International Club of Glasgow, Scotland. For the last six winters he has been filling pulpits every Sunday on behalf of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Church of Scotland. Mr. Appadurai has sent us a copy of a recent address he gave to the Church of Scotland Assembly, entitled "Our Common Heritage," in which he expressed his strong sense of the fellowship among Christians. Mr. Appadurai's address is 11 University Gardens, Glasgow, W.2, Scotland.

Albert Karl Spielberger, Ph.B. '28, brought his six-foot son to the Divinity School in September to show him where his "dad" went to school.

Ralph Ernest Bayes, '29, is a member of a seminar arranged by the Committee on Cultural Relations with Latin America. He spent the summer visiting all the

South American Countries except Paraguay, making the entire trip by Pan American Airways.

Carl Andrew Nissen, A.M. '29, has moved to Granville, Ohio. He is to teach sociology and anthropology at Denison University the first semester of the next school year while the regular professor is on a leave of absence.

Lois Smith Vaught, A.M. '29, and her husband, Arnold Vaught, are missionaries to China under the Friends Service Council of London. Their home and school in Chungking were bombed and completely destroyed on August 31, 1941.

Elmer Kelso Higdon, D.B. '30, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, tells of a recent interesting project. He and Mrs. Higdon ('30) taught an integrated course on "The Use of the Bible and the History of the Church in the Work of the Missionary" in a lay school for candidates held this August at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Higdon presented the Bible phases, Mrs. Higdon presented the church history, and both showed parallel developments in mission fields. In showing the interplay of agriculture and religion, for instance, they would trace the influence of rural life on the Israelites and present rural reconstruction as an important phase of modern missions.

Alfred Wesley Hurst, D.B. '30, received his Doctor of Divinity degree in June from Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia. He will conclude nine years as pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on January 1.

William Omer Foster, '31, has accepted a position as teacher of social science in North Georgia College. He was formerly an extension teacher at Atlantic Christian College.

Phillip Johnson, A.M. '31, closed a highly successful five-year pastorate at the City Temple, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to accept the call to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Chicago. Significant progress was made in membership, financial resources, and morale under Dr. Johnson's leadership, and it was with great regret and only after a strong effort to secure his reconsideration that the City Temple let him go. While in Sioux Falls and shortly before the war Dr. Johnson visited Europe as a member of the Sherwood Eddy Seminar, and since the opening of the war he has participated in the American Seminar at Washington, D.C., under Dr. Eddy's leadership. In First Church, Chicago, Dr. Johnson will face a task which will call upon all his powers of leadership. First Church is the oldest church in Chicago with the exception of First Presbyterian Church. Its members have been leaders in the civic, business, and educational life of Chicago. Leaders in First Church were among the strongest supporters of the old University of Chicago and also of the new University, particularly in its earlier days.

Earl Edward Emme, Ph.D. '32, professor of psychology and chairman of guidance in Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, published an article entitled "Content Analysis of the Nine Most Recent Textbooks in General Psychology" in a recent issue of the *Journal of Psychology*. On April 25 he read a paper on "A Guidance View of Education"

before the Iowa Academy of Science meeting at Simpson College.

James Ewart Bell, D.B. '33, pastor of the Baptist Church, Burnside, Iowa, has an article in the October *United States Baptist* entitled "I Find Joy in Country Service." An editorial note at the head of the article states that it is "an address delivered before the Northern Baptist Convention and acclaimed as one of the finest on the problems of the country church."

Hazel E. Foster, Ph.D. '33, is giving the coming year to writing and to speaking engagements following the two-year sabbatical leave from Presbyterian College of Christian Education, Chicago, which she has just completed. While on leave she taught two terms in St. Christopher's Training College, Madras, India, and two in American Board Schools, Madura. She lectured in three different theological colleges—Bishop's, Serampore, and Leonard—and in several colleges on the subject of the Bible. She completed a world-tour by visiting Europe just before the war, going on to the Near East, including Baghdad, Babylon, and Ur, and returning via Singapore, Java, Borneo, Manila, and Honolulu, arriving in San Francisco in July. While in India she saw an Indian edition of her *New Guide to Bible Study* published by the Christian Literature Society, Diocesan Press, Madras, India.

Augustus Leroy Huff, '33, has recently accepted the pastorate of the Christian Church, Effingham, Illinois.

Ralph Raymond Shrader, A.B. '33, pastor of Bethany Congregational Church, Montpelier, has been elected to the Board of School Commissioners, Montpelier, Vermont. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Vermont Inter-Church Council and on the Board of Directors of the Vermont Congregational Conference. He is dean of the Young People's Institute, Lake Fairlee, Vermont.

Don Wendell Holter, Ph.D. '34, is back in Manila, Philippine Islands, "resting up" after his recent furlough spent in traveling in twenty-nine different states and living from five weeks to four months in four different places (Denver, Chicago, Kansas City, and Madison, New Jersey). He has resigned his pastorate in the Central Student Church to assume the duties of president of the Union Theological Seminary of the Philippine Islands. He reports that he is busy getting teachers lined up, ordering textbooks, and getting out the new catalogue.

Alexander Mackie Honeyman, Ph.D. 34, Regius Professor of Hebrew and Oriental Languages, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, has published a study on "Indo-Sassanian Relations" in the *Transactions* of Glasgow University Oriental Society. He has been commissioned as intelligence officer to a battalion of the Home Guard.

John McCleery, '34, has been called from his old charge, after trebling its membership, to the First Presbyterian Church, Dunmurry, Belfast, Ireland. He says that in spite of *blitz* and much damage to the city churches, they are carrying on "from strength to strength."

Walter Robert Roehrs, Ph.D. '34, former professor at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Missouri, now occupies the

chair of religion at Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Illinois.

Elmer Emil Tiedt, '34, reports that he is now stationed as chaplain at Hickam Field, Honolulu, T.H., which is the largest airfield of the U.S. Army. Hawaii, he says, is a beehive of defense industry, and there is no lack of opportunity for those who serve as chaplains.

Earl Leslie King, '26, '35, has been reelected educational secretary of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia, Jubbulpore, C.P., India. He has published a book, *An Introduction to Religious Education.* His wife, Edith Broadbrooks King, '26, '35, teaches educational handicrafts one semester a year in Leonard Theological College and spends the rest of the year in field work throughout India and Burma. Both Mr. and Mrs. King gave the entire school year of 1940–41 to the setting-up of a school of religious education for India and Burma in connection with Leonard College at Jubbulpore.

Frank Townsend Meacham, '35, is a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Church. He can be reached at East Africa Mission, Mount Silinda, South Rhodesia, Africa.

Frank W. Render, '35, was director and instructor in biblical literature at the Ministers' Institute in Religious Education conducted at Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, July 22–25. The Institute was conducted under the auspices of the A.M.E. Church.

Wilbur Swanson Hogevoll, D.B. '37, minister of the First Christian Church, Waukegan, Illinois, was elected in June as president of the Waukegan–North Chicago Federation of Churches, which position he will hold until June, 1942.

Richard Lee James, D.B. '37, is pastor of the Woodlawn Christian Church, 125 North 57th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. He stayed at the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago this summer "absorbing some German in preparation for his Ph.D. reading exam and collecting material for his thesis, 'The Disciples of Christ in the Southeastern United States.'"

John Ruskin Clark, '38, is now junior associate minister of the Church of the Christian Union, Rockford, Illinois.

Myron T. Hopper, Ph.D. '38, professor in the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, wrote an article, "The Significance of the Church's Program for Youth," for the *Christian Courier*, published by the First Christian Church of Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Hopper was also a speaker in a number of cities during the recent National Christian Mission. His wife, Ruth MacAlister Hopper, '29, visited the Divinity School office recently to say "Hello."

Thomas P. Inabinett, D.B. '38, was a resident of the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago during the Second Term of the Summer Quarter.

Virgil A. Kraft, '38, has been director of Wesley Foundation in Minneapolis, Minnesota, since September 1.

Richard D. Leonard, Ph.D. '38, has been appointed director of youth work for the Burlington District of the Troy Conference of the Methodist Church. In his own words he says, "I am supposed to be director of all work for ages twelve to twenty-four in and for the Methodist churches in the state of Vermont, includ-

ing work with Methodist students at all the colleges. As yet there is nothing but a title, but I am supposed to create the work that the title goes with." Dr. Leonard is continuing his pastorate at the Weston Methodist Church, Weston, Vermont. An article by Dr. Leonard, entitled "Presbyterian and Congregational Missionaries in Early Wisconsin," appeared in the March number of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*.

Irvin Eugene Lunger, Ph.D. '38, has been asked to serve as secretary of the Philosophy of Religion Association in Chicago. In September his sermon, "Sources of Courage," was broadcast over WGN, a Chicago radio station, on "The Church of the Air" program.

Henry Mick, A.M. '38, had a sermon on "Christianity and Democracy" in the July *Observer*, published by the United Church of Canada. Dr. Mick is pastor of the Central United Church of Windsor, Ontario. His former church, St. Andrews United Church, Renfrew, Ontario, has just celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. He is author of a book giving the history of the church.

Irven Paul, '38, has been a missionary for the Presbyterian Church in Chile since 1923. He is secretary of the World's Sunday School Association for South America.

T. Cuyler Young, '38, Assistant Professor of Semitic Languages, Victoria College, University of Toronto, Canada, was at the Divinity School for seven weeks this summer finishing a doctoral thesis in Old Testament. While here he preached in several Chicago and suburban churches.

Donald Gordon Davis, '39, is instructor in Bible at San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Texas.

Dorris Aldo Flesner, '39, and Mrs. Flesner announce the birth of a son, Paul Ellsworth, on September 21.

Elizabeth Paxton Lam, Ph.D. '39, former dean of women and teacher of religion at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, is now at Occidental College, California. She had an article, "Reinhold Niebuhr: Detroit to Oxford," in the summer number, 1941, of the *Journal of Liberal Religion*.

Earl Enoch Gustaf Linden, A.M. '39, has accepted a call to the McGraft Memorial Congregational Church in Muskegon, Michigan. His new address is 1288 Montgomery Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan.

David Claude Pellett, D.B. '39, is minister of the First Christian Church of Madison, Wisconsin. The church building was recently dedicated.

Carroll Norman Odell, A.M. '39, is minister of the Davis Memorial Christian Church, Taylorville, Illinois. His wife, the former Ruth Baker, who was secretary of the Disciples Divinity House between 1935 and 1940, underwent a serious operation in June. However, she has recovered very nicely.

Paul Stephen Stauffer, '39, has been called as associate pastor to the Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

William Paul Barnds, D.B. '40, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, is president of the Ministerial Alliance of Independence, Kansas. During August he was on vacation supply duty at St. Mark's-on-the-Hill, Pikesville, Maryland. In June he served as dean and chaplain of

the Kansas Summer Conference, which met at Emporia, Kansas.

Merle William Boyer, Ph.D. '40, has become pastor of the Edgewood Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Burton Robert Brown, '40, was married in September. He plans to continue his school work at the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky.

Paul Rollo Lee, A.M. '40, and Lois Blair, A.M. '41, were married in June at the Thorndike Hilton Chapel with Dean Edward Scribner Ames performing the ceremony. Mr. Lee recently accepted a call to the Gulfport, Mississippi, Christian Church.

Bliss Forbush, A.B. '41, executive secretary of the Park Avenue Friends Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, has been named chairman of the Friends General Conference by the central committee of one hundred representatives from all parts of the country.

Fred Jerome Jackson, A.M. '41, was ordained a minister of the United Church of Canada a little over a year ago. He is now pastor of the United Church at Monteith, a small village far up in northern Ontario.

Emily Frances Morgan, A.M. '41, is director of religious education at the First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Janet Hayes Pittman, A.M. '41, wife of R. Herman Pittman of Texas Christian University, Forth Worth, Texas, spent the summer in Chicago doing vacation church school work and parish calling. She attended the Pastors' Institute.

Marvin Eugene Smith, D.B. '41, spent part of the summer in Mexico verifying facts for his Ph.D. thesis, "Church and State in Mexico."

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In Memorium

Franklin D. Elmer, D.B. '98, died suddenly, as the result of a thrombosis, at Hartford, Connecticut, early in November. He was sixty-eight years of age. Before entering the Divinity School, Dr. Elmer graduated from Brown University. For many years, until his retirement in 1930, he was a prominent Baptist minister in the eastern states, serving, among others, the First Baptist Churches of Poughkeepsie and Hamilton, New York. He is survived by his widow; his son, Rev. Franklin D. Elmer, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Lockport, New York (who is also an alumnus of the Divinity School); and two daughters. Sincere sympathy is expressed to the bereaved family.

Roy Carlyle Bensen, D.B. '28, Ph.D. '30, professor and head of the department of philosophy, McMaster University, died suddenly on October 3 at his home in Hamilton, Ontario, of a heart attack. He was fifty-seven years of age. Dr. Bensen was a graduate of McMaster University, receiving from that institution the A.B. and A.M. degrees and the degree in

theology before entering the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Between his graduation from McMaster University and his period of study in the University of Chicago he was for fourteen years a missionary in India, where he was principal of the McLaurin High School at Cocanada, South India, Administrator of a teacher training school, and editor of a Telegu newspaper. He was also elected a member of the municipal council of Cocanada. During the last war he was a chaplain with the Canadian forces and attained the rank of major. He assumed the position in McMaster University, which he held until the time of his death, immediately after receiving his doctorate in 1930. He was prominent and influential not only in educational affairs in Canada but also in the religious life of the country. The funeral services were held in Convocation Hall, McMaster University, October 3. Among those taking part in the service were the Honorable Albert Matthews, lieutenant-governor of the Province of Ontario; former Chancellor Howard P. Whidden, of McMaster University; Dean C. E. Burke, and Professor C. W. New, of McMaster. Both Dean Burke and Professor New are Doctors of the University of Chicago. Beside his widow, who will be well remembered by many of Professor Bensen's fellow-students during the period of his residence in Chicago, he leaves two children, Margaret, at home, and Harold, who is a medical student at the University of Western Ontario.

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